

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER No. 89-126

WATER RECLAMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR:

MARIIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, (hereinafter called the Board) finds that:

1. Many of the municipal wastewater treatment plants in Marin County produce treated municipal wastewater of sufficient quality to allow its reuse for certain applications as prescribed in this Order.
2. Treated wastewater may be made available from treatment plants providing at least secondary treatment to the Marin Municipal Water District (District), or Users operating under this Order. The reclaimed water prior to application must meet the quality criteria set under this Order. Additional treatment by the District may be necessary to meet the intended use. The District will be responsible for monitoring wastewater use.
3. Wastewater will be picked up by tank truck and sprayed or flooded on the use area. In some limited cases water may be applied through a fixed irrigation system that is an expansion of an existing project under active water reclamation requirements. Uses may include roadway landscaping, selective golf courses irrigation, dust control, soil compaction, street cleaning, etc. There will be no use pursuant to this Order on residential landscaping, parks, playgrounds, school yards and other areas where the public has similar unrestricted access or exposure.
4. California Water Code Section 13512 declares it is the intention of the Legislature that the State undertake all possible steps to encourage development of water reclamation facilities so that reclaimed water may be made available to help meet the growing water demands of the State.
5. The Board adopted a revised Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan) on December 17, 1986. The water quality goals to be used in regulating water quality factors as set forth in the Basin Plan include maximum feasible reclamation or reuse of municipal, industrial, and agricultural wastewaters.
6. Section 13523 of the California Water Code provides that a Regional Board, after consultation with and reception of recommendations from Department of Health Services (DOHS), and if it determines such action to be necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare, shall prescribe water reclamation requirements for water which is used or proposed to be used as reclaimed water.
7. These water reclamation requirements are in conformance with the statewide reclamation criteria established by DOHS as prescribed in Title 22, Sections 60031-60335, California Administrative Code.
8. This action is being taken by the Board for the protection of natural resources, and involves no significant effect on the environment, and is thus categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with Title 14, California Administrative Code, Chapter 3, Section 15307.
9. The Board has notified the District and interested agencies and persons of its intent to prescribe water reclamation requirements.

10. The Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to this matter.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Marin Municipal Water District, in order to meet the provisions contained in Division 7 of the California Water Code and regulations adopted thereafter, shall comply with the following:

A. Prohibitions

1. The treatment, storage, distribution, or reuse of reclaimed water shall not create a nuisance as defined in Section 13050(m) of the California Water Code.
2. No wastewater shall be applied to the use areas during periods of rainfall or when soils are saturated.
3. No constituent of reclaimed water shall be allowed to escape from the designated use area via surface flow or airborne spray, mist, or aerosol.
4. Reclaimed water shall not be applied so as to cause saturated conditions within 100 feet of any water body or wetland.
5. Reclaimed water shall not be used as a domestic or animal water supply. There shall be no cross-connection between potable water supply and piping containing reclaimed water. Supplementing reclaimed water with water used for domestic supply shall not be allowed except through an air-gap separation. An air-gap or reduced pressure principle device shall be provided at all domestic water service connections to reclaimed water use areas.
6. The use of reclaimed water shall not cause the degradation of groundwater used for domestic purposes or cause any change in a quality parameter which would make the groundwater unsuitable for irrigation use.

B. Reclaimed Water Uses

1. The reclaimed wastewater applications in this Order are restricted to the following types of uses and areas:
  - a. Reclaimed water used for irrigation of golf courses without contiguous residential development (evening application), cemeteries, freeway landscapes, and landscapes in other areas where the public has restricted access or exposure and there is no contiguous residential development.
  - b. Water for street cleaning, sewer flushing, soil compaction, and dust control.
  - c. Small scale expansion of irrigation projects already regulated under existing water reclamation requirements, with the written approval of the Executive Officer.
2. If applied at a landscape area used by the public (e.g. golf courses/cemeteries), reclaimed water of the quality cited in the Specifications section below must be:
  - a. Applied only in evening or night hours when the area is not in use;
  - b. Applied without airborne drift or surface runoff into residential areas or other areas frequented by the public;
  - c. Allowed to dry on vegetation and infiltrate into soil before the area is used again, so wastewater will not be the cause of any wetness remaining on vegetation at the start of the next use.

3. This Order does not apply to projects involving irrigation of land where there is a high probability of direct public contact such as parks, playgrounds, schoolyards, golf courses with contiguous residential development, or other areas where the public has similar access or exposure (unless specifically approved by the Executive Officer in writing, after consultation with the State and County Health Departments on a case-by-case basis).
4. For large scale and long term projects involving agricultural applications and any other food crop irrigation, a detailed Report of Waste Discharge application must be filed directly with the Regional Board for review and consideration of separate water reclamation requirements.

C. Reclaimed Water Use Specifications

1. The District shall assure that the reclaimed water is at all times an adequately oxidized, disinfected wastewater that meets the following quality limits prior to application to any use area.

In any composite sample:

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|--------------|---------|--------------|
| a. 5-day BOD | 30 mg/l | (30 day ave) |
|              | 60 mg/l | (daily max)  |

In any grab sample:

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|-----------------------|----------|---------|
| b. Dissolved Oxygen   | 3.0 mg/l | minimum |
| c. Dissolved Sulfide* | 0.1 mg/l | maximum |

\* To be measured if D.O. falls below 2.0 mg/l

At any point downstream of the disinfection facilities where adequate contact with disinfectant is assured:

- d. The median number of total coliform organisms shall not exceed 23 MPN/100 ml as determined from the bacteriological results of the last seven days for which analyses have been completed, and the number of total coliform organisms shall not exceed 240 MPN/100 ml in any two consecutive samples.
2. The District shall discontinue use of reclaimed water during any period in which there is reason to believe that the limits specified in C.1 above are not being met. The delivery of reclaimed water shall not be resumed until all conditions which caused the limits in C.1. to be violated have been corrected.

User

3. Reclaimed water shall not be used for public consumption.
4. Adequate measures shall be taken to minimize public contact with reclaimed wastewater and to inform the public that reclaimed water containing potential infectious micro-organisms is being used. Conspicuous warning signs with proper wording of sufficient size to be clearly read shall be posted at adequate intervals around the use area, unless public access is otherwise restricted.
5. All reclaimed water distribution lines and sprinkler systems shall be appropriately tagged with conspicuous warning signs with proper wording of sufficient size (at controller valves,

outlets, etc ) to warn the public that the water is not safe for drinking or direct contact. Tank trucks used for carrying or spraying reclaimed wastewater shall be identified as such with clearly read warning signs.

6. Reclaimed wastewater shall not be applied where it could contact walkways, passing vehicles, buildings, drinking water facilities, or enter areas where food is handled or eaten or areas not under control of the user.
7. There shall be at least a 10-foot horizontal and 1-foot vertical separation (with the domestic water above the reclaimed pipeline) between all pipelines transporting reclaimed water and those transporting domestic water.
8. Use or installation of hose bibbs on any reclaimed irrigation system, regardless of hose bibb construction or identification, shall not be permitted.
9. Irrigation shall be practiced during periods when grounds will have maximum opportunity to dry before use by the public.
10. Irrigated areas shall be properly graded to minimize ponded water.

D. District/User Agreements

1. The District shall require a User (defined as any person or company not employed by or under contract to the District) to fill out and sign a Reclaimed Water Use Permit, as shown in Attachment B, herein made a part of this Order. The District may use a modified permit format upon approval of the Executive Officer.
2. The District should contact the appropriate treatment plant to make sure that water will be made available to them. The District shall be directly responsible for the effluent quality and the application of the reclaimed water.
3. A copy of the Reclaimed Wastewater Permit and this Order must be provided to the User by the District. The User must have these available at all times for inspection by the Regional Board staff, Producer, or State/County Health Officers.
4. No wastewater shall be provided to a User unless the truck driver presents the authorized signed User Permit as issued by the District, unless the User is operating under Order 89-085, as adopted by this Board.

E. Provisions

1. The District shall track and monitor all Use Permits and all reclaimed water use, either by the District or permitted Users, and comply with the self-monitoring program as adopted by this Board and as may be amended by the Executive Officer.
2. The District shall establish with each treatment plant (producer) procedures to track actual water deliveries from each plant to the District and to each permitted user. A brief description of the tracking program shall be included with the proposed inspection program (see Section IV, Self-Monitoring Program). The attached Reclaimed Water Release Form or its equivalent, shall be used to track deliveries.
3. The District shall develop an inspection program, subject to approval of the Executive Officer, to monitor User(s) compliance with this Order.
4. The District and any major User shall provide employee training to assure compliance with this Order.

5. The District & Users shall maintain in good working order and operate, as efficiently as possible, any facility or control system installed or as modified to achieve compliance with this Order.
6. The District & Users, shall permit the Board or its authorized representatives, in accordance with Section 13267(c) of the California Water Code:
  - a. Entry upon premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records are kept under the conditions of this Order;
  - b. Access to and copy of, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this Order;
  - c. Inspection, at reasonable times, of any facility, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this Order; or
  - d. To photograph, sample or monitor, at reasonable times, for the purpose of assuring compliance with this Order.
7. After notice and opportunity for a hearing, this Order may be terminated or modified for cause, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Violation of any term or condition contained in this Order;
  - b. Obtaining this Order by misrepresentation, or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts;
  - c. A change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized reuse;
  - d. Endangerment to public health or environment that can only be regulated to acceptable levels by Order modification or termination.
8. This Order supersedes Orders 76-36 & 81-39. Order s 76-36 & 81-39 are hereby rescinded.
9. Any Use Permit issued by the District may be revoked by the District or the Executive Officer upon a finding of non-compliance with this Order.
10. The Board will review this Order periodically and may revise the requirements when necessary.

I, Steven R. Ritchie, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region on July 19, 1989.

  
STEVEN R. RITCHIE  
Executive Officer

Attachments:

- A. Reclaimed Water Use Permit/Release Form
- B. Self-Monitoring Program

[Originator/RJC] [Reviewer/TCW]  
File No.: 2159.5102

# RECLAIMED WATER USE PERMIT

This Use Permit must be available for inspection at all times. The reclaimed water Distributor shall carry a copy in the tanker truck at all times and must present it to the Producer for water pickups. This Permit is subject to all Prohibitions, Specifications and Provisions of RWQCB ORDER NO. 89-126.

NAME OF PRODUCER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PERMIT \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## PRODUCER INFORMATION

LEVEL OF TREATMENT: ☐ SECONDARY ☐ ADVANCED SECONDARY/TERTIARY

VOLUME OF RECLAIMED WATER AUTHORIZED PER DAY \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF WATER DISTRIBUTION: ☐ TANKER TRUCK ☐ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

## USER INFORMATION

NAME OF USER \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

## DISTRIBUTOR INFORMATION

DISTRIBUTOR (If different from above) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\*A Reclaimed Water Release Form must be filled out on each water pickup and retained at the application site or distribution vehicle.

Users and Distributors should also follow the attached *Guidelines for Worker Protection*.

## TYPE OF RECLAIMED WATER USAGE

APPLICATION METHOD: ☐ Tank Truck ☐ Spray ☐ Wash Water ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

USE OF THE WATER \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE APPLIED: COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION AND IN ANY ATTACHMENTS IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I ALSO CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY RWQCB ORDER NO. 89-126.

SIGNATURE OF PRODUCER \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF USER \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF DISTRIBUTOR \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**INSPECTION CHECKLIST FOR WASTEWATER RECLAMATION OPERATION**  
**(Conditional Waiver Projects)**

Reclaimed Water Supplier:	Reclaimed Water User:

Date and Time of the inspection: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Specific Uses of the Reclaimed water: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner/Operator in presence: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tank Trucks License Plate No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Weather Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the appropriate items listed below:

1. Treatment Level Received:    ☐ secondary    ☐ tertiary  
 2. Type of Application:    ☐ tank truck    ☐ spray    ☐ wash water  
    ☐ other (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 3. Standard Observations:

	Yes	No	N/A
a. Reclaimed water is used in non-designated areas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Odor nuisance:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Escape of reclaimed water to areas of potential public health hazards:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Saturated soils or ponding in the use areas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Vehicles hauling reclaimed water is leaking or is not properly labelled with warning signs:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. User not carrying NQCB authorization in vehicle or on site:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Reclaimed water is sprayed on buildings, vehicles, picnic tables, drinking fountains, etc.:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. When required, warning signs are not properly posted in the use areas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Buffer zones from sensitive areas not maintained:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Broken pipes or spray nozzles:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If a "yes" is circled for any of the above, provide explanations below:

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Additional notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## RECLAIMED WATER RELEASE FORM

PRODUCER

FACILITY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

USER

FACILITY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

\* User name if different \_\_\_\_\_

DATE

VOL. COLLECTED

USE AREA

TRUCK LIC. #

PRODUCER SIG.

COPIES OF THIS FORM SHALL BE KEPT AT PRODUCING FACILITY AND IN TRANSPORT VEHICLE



CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

SELF-MONITORING PROGRAM

FOR

MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

ORDER NO. 89-126

July 19, 1989

## I. GENERAL

Reporting responsibilities of waste dischargers are specified in Sections 13225(a), 13267(b), 13268, 13383, and 13387(b) of the California Water Code and this Regional Board's Resolution No. 73-16 (Water Reclamation Policy).

The principal purposes of a monitoring program by a waste discharger or reclaimed water user, also referred to as a self-monitoring program, are:

1. To document compliance with waste discharge requirements and prohibitions established by this Regional Board; and
2. To facilitate self-policing by the waste discharger in the prevention and abatement of pollution arising from waste discharge.

## II. WASTEWATER SAMPLING AND ANALYSES

The District may document effluent quality utilizing data collected by treatment plants under their respective regular facility Waste Discharge Order self-monitoring program. If the District chooses to document water quality using data collected by the District, sampling for all constituents for which water effluent limits are prescribed shall be twice weekly. See below for any violations related to the reclaimed water reuse program.

## III. REPORTS TO BE FILED WITH THE REGIONAL BOARD

### 1. Violation of Requirements

In event the District is unable to comply with conditions of the water reclamation requirements and prohibitions the District shall notify the Regional Board in writing within two weeks of the non-compliance. The written report shall include pertinent information explaining reasons for the non-compliance and shall indicate what steps are being taken to prevent the problems from recurring.

### 2. Self-monitoring Reports

Written reports shall be filed regularly on a quarterly basis; the thirtieth of January (part of Annual report), and the fifteenth of April, July and October. The Reports shall be comprised of the following:

#### a. Letter of Transmittal

A letter transmitting self-monitoring reports should accompany each report. Such a letter shall include a discussion of violations found during the past quarter related to the reclaimed water use program and actions taken for correcting violations. The letter shall contain a statement by the official, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of the signer's knowledge the report is true and correct.

#### b. Program Information

The following information should be included in the quarterly report:

- 1) A list of new Use Permits issued with name of user, type of application use, gallons per day authorized, date issued, and expiration date.
- 2) A Summary of monthly water use by the District and each User. Include the

type of use for which the water is intended. This data may be obtained from the Reclaimed Water Release Forms.

- 3) A Summary of effluent violations related to reclaimed water reuse; violations found during inspection of User and District applications of reclaimed water and corrective actions taken; and any changes to or revoking of User Permits.
- 4) A summary of inspections of Users and District application sites during the quarter (see below).

3. Annual Report

An annual report shall be submitted by January 30. This report should summarize for the past calendar year all the information collected in the quarterly reports. It should also include a discussion of the overall success and weaknesses of the program, with recommendations for changes or improvements.

IV. INSPECTION PROGRAM

The District shall conduct periodic random inspections of selected permitted Users to insure compliance with the Water Reclamation Requirements.

The observations must be made during the periods when irrigation of reclaimed wastewater is in progress. A proposed inspection program shall be submitted to the Board for approval by the Executive Officer prior to the use of any reclaimed water. An example of an inspection form is in Attachment A.

I, Steven R. Ritchie, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing Self-monitoring Program is effective on the date shown below and may be reviewed at any time subsequent to the effective date upon written notice from the Executive Officer or request from the Producer, and revisions will be ordered by the Executive Officer.



STEVEN R. RITCHIE  
Executive Officer

Effective Date: 19 July 1989

Attachments:

- A. Example of Inspection Program